

FSHO – FYI Timeline

2013

March 17-21, 2013:

The very first “Three Days on the Hill” trip for Ohio foster youth and alumni. On the first of two days of legislative visits, the team identified legislative champion, Representative Michael Turner.



2014

April 27- May 1, 2014:

The second annual trip to Washington, D.C. included a focus on building relationships with Senator Portman, Senator Brown and Representative Beatty. The first housing proposal draft by Ohio foster care youth and alumni was called HUD-FASH and modeled after the HUD-VASH federal housing program for veterans.



2015

May 17-21, 2015:

From this trip forward, participants in “Three Days on the Hill” collaborated with the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare to meet with HUD annually, in addition to federal legislators.



2016

March 13-17, 2016:

The focus of this trip was on building and strengthening Ohio foster care youth and alumni’s working relationships with Representative Turner and HUD, with support from NCHCW.



2017

March 12-16, 2017: Continued work with HUD and Representative Turner.

2018

May 11-15, 2018: This trip included a meeting with the Center of Budget Priorities.



2019

March 3-7, 2019:

HUD Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson, was inspired by meeting with foster care youth and alumni and NCHCW to implement the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative based on the on-demand model they proposed. This trip also included a Congressional Briefing led by current and former foster youth. After FYI was launched, we trained public housing and child welfare staff throughout the nation.



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2020

February 4-7, 2020

The goal of this trip was to pass the Foster Stable Housing Opportunities Act (FSHO); which was accomplished on December 27, 2020. Participants met with the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. We worked with HUD to revise eligibility and invite all FUP and non-FUP PHAs to apply through PIH 2020-28.



2021

Supporting and Safeguarding FYI and FSHO

Ohio foster care youth and alumni participated in press conferences, training webinars and virtual meetings to support and safeguard these provisions, in partnership with NCHCW.



2022

Throughout 2022:

We spread the word and delivered training on FSHO after publication in the Federal Register on July 24, and provided instruction to HUD to improve voucher distribution and utilization through an improved Notice.



2023

Throughout 2023:

Facilitated national, state, and local trainings and implementation of the changes to FYI to improve distribution and reduce involvement in CoCs through PIH Notice 2023-04.

2024

2024: Worked with Appropriators to insert language to reduce bureaucracy and assure the “on demand” nature of the distribution of FUP/FYI vouchers.



2025

2025: Worked with HUD to implement appropriations language that eliminates residency requirements, waiting list, issues, and extended foster care through Notice PIH 2025-08.